

DADE HERITAGE TRUST, INC.
Executive Committee
Minutes of the July 6, 1983 Meeting

A special meeting of the Executive Committee of Dade Heritage Trust was called to order at 7:35 p.m. at 2285 S.W. 17th Avenue, Miami. Trustees present were:

Donald Slesnick II, President
Becky Matkov, First Vice President
John Ward Clark, Second Vice President
Marty Stofik, Secretary
Hank Hamilton, Treasurer
Michael Maxwell, At-Large

Also present was Charles Johnson, special counsel for the Antique Show. Executive Director Paul Thompson joined the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

ANTIQUUE SHOW

Mr. Johnson reviewed the history and present status of the receipts from the January Antique Show. He listed three possible resolutions to the conflict regarding distribution of funds from the show:

1. File suit against D.S. Clarke Antique Shows for damages and rescind the remaining four years on the contract.
2. File suit for enforcement of the contract.
3. Settle without filing suit and modify the contract.

Mr. Johnson reported a settlement offer from Bud Maron, President of D.S. Clarke, under which Mr. Maron would pay DHT \$5,600 for the 1983 show and \$10,000 per year for the 1984-87 shows; he would run the 1984-87 shows including paying all expenses; he would be allowed to continue using DHT's name in association with the show; DHT would be allowed to operate a boutique at the show, produce the program and hold additional functions affiliated with but outside the show.

Mr. Johnson also stated that he felt the contract is valid and could be enforced.

Mr. Slesnick reported a counteroffer suggested by immediate Past President Tim Blake: D.S. Clarke would pay DHT \$13,000 for the 1983 show; DHT would assign its reserved dates for the Coconut Grove Exhibition Center; DHT would allow D.S. Clarke to buy out the contract for \$40,000 (\$10,000/year for the remaining four years).

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, that DHT

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settle with Mr. Maron for \$13,000 in cash representing receipts from 1983; \$10,000 per year for each of the four years remaining on the contract, discounted if paid in advance based on the current Treasury Bill rate; allow Mr. Maron to use DHT's name to promote the show for the next four years. Following further discussion, Mr. Maxwell modified his motion to reflect that the settlement would permit Mr. Maron to buy out DHT's dates and the organization would take no part in running the show. Mr. Hamilton accepted the modification and the motion carried unanimously.

OPERATIONS

Mr. Slesnick announced that DHT has been awarded \$11,500 in federal jobs funds, matching a City of Miami grant for the restoration of Dr. Jackson's Office and Surgery and completion of the preservation library.

He acknowledged a letter from the Vizcayan Foundation thanking him for his assistance in getting \$50,000 in federal jobs funds for work at Vizcaya.

Mr. Hamilton noted that he was having difficulty in getting financial information from the DHT office. Mr. Slesnick requested that Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Thompson meet with him later to establish guidelines for better communication.

Mr. Slesnick reported that almost all of the expenses for the Spring issue of Preservation Today have been paid.

Mr. Slesnick suggested the sale of "life memberships" to raise immediate cash. After discussion, the committee decided the potential income was inadequate to justify the project.

Mr. Hamilton stated that the accounting system needs to be revised to better handle the funds. He noted that the system requires a high degree of accounting skill by a staff member.

Mr. Thompson stated that a full-time secretary with full office skills including bookkeeping was needed to replace Phyllis Wood Armstrong, who is resigning.

Mr. Maxwell stated that Trustee Arlene Commings had indicated willingness to take over the office duties on an interim basis. He was authorized to contact her to express the committee's interest in accepting her offer.

Mr. Slesnick stated that it will be Mr. Thompson's responsibility to select the new employee when finances permit, and the Board of Trustees will set the terms of employment.

FINANCES

Mr. Thompson presented the following financial report as of July 6, 1983:

Cash in general checking account	\$352
Cash on hand to be deposited	187
Total	<u>639</u>
Cash in revolving fund	Approx. 320

A payroll is due Friday, July 8.

Mr. Thompson said some funds could be transferred to the general fund from the revolving fund. Mr. Slesnick asked that a sufficient amount be left in the revolving fund to pay fees associated with filing corporate documents.

Mr. Maxwell asked if seed money from the Opa-Locka Train Station grant had been received. Mr. Thompson stated he had been unable to contact the person responsible. Mr. Maxwell said he would attempt to do so. Mr. Thompson also stated he would seek reimbursement from the grant for his previous two paychecks to cover overhead on the project.

The committee agreed to pay appropriate travel expenses from the grant fund for Mr. Thompson to visit the Historic Preservation Fund of North Carolina to examine the operation of their revolving fund.

Mr. Slesnick stated that a proposal is being prepared for Florida Federal Savings & Loan pursuant to a meeting with Warren Clary, regional vice president. Under the proposal, Florida Federal would purchase exclusive sponsorship of the DHT Newsletter, exclusive sponsorship of the 1983-84 membership directory, and an ad in Preservation Today, for \$4,000 per year total; provide a senior banking official to serve on the DHT Board of Advisors and on the Revolving Fund Committee; provide DHT the opportunity to borrow money at cost; provide no-charge banking services; and allow DHT to use the bank's meeting rooms at no cost.

A motion was made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Maxwell, to accept Florida Federal as a partner in preservation and to encourage Mr. Slesnick to pursue other corporations as potential partners under similar agreements. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Slesnick was authorized to pursue discussions with Advisor Sallye Jude with regard to entering a contract with realtors for DHT to handle house/estate sales as a fund-raising venture, and for Ms. Jude to assist in producing a social event during Preservation Week '84.

STATE CONVENTION

Mr. Slesnick presented a brief report on plans for the Florida Trust state conference to be held in Miami Sept. 30-Oct. 2. Mr. Clark and Ms. Jude are co-chairmen of the event. Mr. Slesnick encouraged participation by all Trustees.

BROWN HOUSE

Mr. Maxwell reported that the City of Miami Department of Marinas has agreed to accept the Brown house for relocation to Watson Island and will provide \$45,000 for the new foundation. He noted that the house must be moved from its present site by Aug. 31. The Miami Assistant City Manager is working on the written agreement with the property owner. Negotiations are being held with the house mover to lower his \$117,000 estimate for the project. Mr. Maxwell noted that the mover will not insure the house while it is being

moved over water. Ms. Matkov expressed concern about DHT's liability if an accident during the move caused damage to shipping lanes. Mr. Slesnick said the Trustees would have no personal liability. The Board of Trustees will be polled before a contract is signed for the project.

MDPL

Mr. Maxwell registered a complaint that MDPL President Barbara Capitman had used a picture of him with her at the Moon Over Miami Ball in her campaign literature for Miami Beach City Commission without his prior permission. Ms. Matkov stated that she had not given her permission for such use of the picture when she sent it to Ms. Capitman. After discussion, the committee agreed to continue working with MDPL with caution and honesty.

CITY OF MIAMI

Mr. Thompson noted that nominations for the four openings on the City of Miami Heritage Conservation Board must be submitted by July 18, and the appointments will be made July 28.

On that same date, the Commission will consider a resolution authorizing the grant for the book publishing project. Ms. Matkov will be responsible for establishing the advisory board for the project. She gave a brief review of the program.

AWARDS

The committee did not approve Mr. Maxwell's request that a social event be held to present the remaining awards from Preservation Week.

BOARD RETREAT

Mr. Slesnick presented a report from Trustee Maggie Wood on the proposed Board of Trustees retreat. A motion was made by Ms. Stofik, seconded by Mr. Maxwell, to authorize the retreat committee to pursue arrangements with the Seaview Hotel, Bal Harbour, for a retreat August 19-21, 1983. Mr. Thompson and Trustee Rich Miller will establish the agenda. Families may be invited. Mr. Slesnick will host a cocktail reception.

SEMINARS

Ms. Stofik presented a report on the cost of co-sponsoring seminars with Florida International University and the University of Miami. After discussion, Ms. Stofik was authorized to seek specific information on producing three seminars on historic preservation with the University of Miami at the Knight Center.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Stofik
Secretary